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TO

*Samuel Holden, Esq;* *k*

FROM

*A Dissenter in the Country.*



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**T**HE Resolution at *Pinner's-Hall*, that was lately publish'd in the *London Journal*, directed my Thoughts to some printed Papers I had preserv'd for a Review; - - - particularly the *Craftsman* of the 13<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1733, which concludes with an *Address to the Protestant Dissenters*



*ters of all Denominations. After much good Instruction, some wholesome Advice, and a few loving Words, Caleb saith, It will be needless perhaps to advertise the Reader, that this Address is not intended for those Men, who separate themselves from the Establish'd Church, with no other View than to put themselves at the Head of a Party, and barter away their Interest to Men in Power for Pensions, Places and Directorships in great, monied Companies. It is visible that I design it for those honest independent Dissenters through the whole Kingdom, who act upon Principle of Conscience, and have no other End than the Preservation of our common Liberties, and*  
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*the Enjoyment of those particular Privileges, which they apprehend to be their Birthright, as Englishmen, Protestants and Freemen.*

When I consider from what Quarter I receive this affectionate Regard to the Dissenters of all Denominations, as *Englishmen*, Protestants and Freemen, - - - - and compare it with the SCHISM-BILL which pass'd in the Close of Queen *Anne's* Reign - - - - I am obliged, as a Dissenter, to ask my self where I should place my Belief and Confidence: And I think it must always be the undoubted Interest of every Protestant Dissenter to suspect, fear and oppose the Measures which are espoused,  
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aided and abetted by Papists and Persecutors.

I am heartily sorry there shou'd be any Division among the Dissenters that can be capable of tempting the *Craftsman* and *Fog* to take a Side. --- That the *Craftsman* has done this, in a flagrant manner, I appeal to the Quotation I have made from his Journal of *October* the 13<sup>th</sup>. I farther appeal to the *Craftsman* of *February* the 16<sup>th</sup> 1733-4; in which he appears very much disturb'd that there should be any Apprehension of Danger from the Papists and the Pretender: And lest *the Protestants shou'd be alarm'd with the Pretender, or the Papists terrified with*

*with Penal Laws, in great Compassion to BOTH, he attempts to direct their Fears and their Wrath another Way. An Account of the present State of Popery in England, He calls a silly Pamphlet that has been dispers'd thro' the Kingdom, and made use of in a late Speech at Salter's-Hall to influence the Protestant Dissenters; but so wise a Body of Men (says our most gracious Patron) will never suffer themselves to be impos'd upon by such Artifices, nor to be made the Property of Persons, who have a visible Interest in misleading them. They well remember what a dangerous Step they made in a late Reign, by listening to such Counsels; and cannot be so*

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*weak,*



*weak, or so wicked, as to propose any Advantages to themselves, by standing in the Gap between a desperate Projector and the Body of an injur'd exasperated People.*

If it is not impossible for this Writer to be misled into any Expectation of succeeding with the Dissenters, - - - I will assure Him, from my certain Knowledge, that the Dissenters are not *so weak, or wicked*, as to quit the Hand of a Friend for the Claw of a Persecutor. Such wicked Weakness wou'd be no better than Suicide.

The proper Notice that was due to such a Quotation, has unavoidably interrupted my Appeal to  
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that passionate Lover of a Protestant Dissenter, good Mr. *Fog*, who *coalites* with his good Brother *Caleb*, in his Journal of *March* the 18<sup>th</sup> 1734, where he is pleased to discover his seasonable Repentment against some Proceedings at *Salter's-Hall*; and, at the same time, to treat Mr. *H--n* in a most becoming Manner.

I now appeal to the whole Body of Protestant Dissenters, if it is not as easy to believe Transubstantiation, as to believe that the *Craftsman* and *Fog* are in their Interest: And I leave it with that Body to make the proper Application.

But it is time to pay my Duty to the Resolution at *Pinner's-Hall* - - - - as it was the Occasion of this Letter.

It was there - - - - *Resolved, That, altho' we think it altogether unnecessary, to recommend it to the Dissenters to chuse such Persons as are the most firmly attach'd to his Majesty's Person and Government, and to the Civil and Religious Liberties of our Country; such a Choice being entirely agreeable to their known steady Conduct, Principles and Inclinations; yet, we are of Opinion,*  
*that,*



that, in order to prevent any among the Dissenters from being deceived by Pretences to such a Character, in some who have no just Claim to it; it may be very proper to recommend it to the Dissenters, that in exerting their Interest, or giving their own Votes, they wou'd consider those only as the most firmly attach'd to his Majesty's Person and Government, who have distinguish'd themselves by their Zeal for the Revolution, the Protestant Succession, the UNION, and the Toleration; and who, they may therefore conclude, will be ready on all Occasions to corroborate and strengthen them, and the  
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*known Principles that support them, as being the solid Foundations, or the main Pillars of our present happy Constitution.*

If there can be a Protestant Dissenter against the Revolution, which restor'd and maintains his Liberties, - - - - I hope, that so absurd a Creature is only known to the Author of the Resolution; for whose own dear Sake, I suppose, the UNION was lugg'd in, as the infallible Mark to determine the Dissenters in their Choice of the PERSON they should honour and obey. And  
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I am not the only Witness to the unmerciful Share that has been arrogated in that Transaction. It is, therefore, very plain to me that the (*only*) Design and End of introducing *the Revolution and the Protestant Succession*, was to draw in the *Union*. - - - - But if a Zeal for those *solid Foundations and main Pillars of our present happy Constitution*, can be excluded from the Character of being most firmly attach'd to his Majesty's Person and Government, and to the *Civil and Religious Liberties of our Country*; - - - - It is another Secret in the



the Possession of the AUTHOR only. To be sure there is some Wonder-working Charm in the bare use of those momentous Words, that can have Virtue enough *to prevent any among the Dissenters from being deceived by Pretences to such a Character, in some who have no just Claim to it.*

Indeed, it must be acknowledged as an Act of great Charity in the AUTHOR, to contrive *to prevent the Dissenters from being deceived by Pretenders.* And we are equally obliged to *Caleb Danvers of Grays-Inn*  
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Esq; who partakes of the same  
charitable Spirit, and labours to  
prevent the Dissenters from be-  
ing *imposed upon*, and *misled*  
by the same Pretenders: - - -  
Here I have the Honour to  
with the World much Joy of  
the COALITION. I am,

S I R,

*With great Sincerity,*

*Your humble Servant.*

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 ing repeated upon, and wish-  
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 the Coalition. I am,

With great Sincerity,

Your humble Servant



